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1. UNDER THE TERMS OF THE 1928 NATURALIZATION TREATY BETWEEN THE U.S. AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA, CITIZENS OF ONE COUNTRY WHO BECAME NATURALIZED CITIZENS OF THE OTHER AUTOMATICALLY LOSE THEIR ORIGINAL CITIZENSHIP. HOWEVER, GOC CLAIMS THAT THIS LOSS OF CITIZENSHIP IS NOT AUTOMATIC FOR CZECHOSLOVAK NATIONALS WHO BECAME AMERICAN CITIZENS DURING THE PERIOD BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 17, 1938 AND MAY 7, 1957, WHEN CZECHOSLOVAKIA WAS TECHNICALLY IN A STATE OF WAR.

2. CZECHOSLOVAK NATIONAL WHO IS NATURALIZED U.S. CITIZEN OUTSIDE OF WAR PERIOD NEEDS ONLY TO SUBMIT HIS NATURALIZATION CERTIFICATE OR A NOTARIZED EXCERPT THEREOF TO CZECHOSLOVAK AUTHORITIES IN ORDER THAT THEY NO LONGER CONSIDER HIM THEIR CITIZEN, ACCORDING TO PRESENT PRACTICE OF CZECHOSLOVAK EMBASSY, WASHINGTON. IF SCHMIDT WAS NATURALIZED DURING WAR PERIOD, HE RETAINS CZECHOSLOVAK CITIZENSHIP UNTIL HE RENOUNCES IT. GOC HAS ISSUED MANY VISAS, HOWEVER, TO SUCH PERSONS IN THEIR U.S. PASSPORTS AND TREATED THEM AS U.S. CITIZENS DURING STAY IN CSSR.

3. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT FEE FOR EXPATRIATE'S PASSPORT VARIES ACCORDING TO EDUCATION RECEIVED BY APPLICANT IN
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CSSR, UP TO MAXIMUM OF APPROX. U.S. DOLS 2000. WE DO NOT

RECOMMEND, HOWEVER, THAT ANY U.S. CITIZEN ENTER CSSR WITH
CZECHOSLOVAK PASSPORT.

4. CZECHOSLOVAK CONSUL IN BRUSSELS COULD EASILY BE UNFAMILIAR
WITH GOC'S PRACTICES CONCERNING CITIZENS OF U.S., THE ONLY
WESTERN COUNTRY WITH WHICH CSSR HAS NATURALIZATION TREATY. IF
SCHMIDT'S TROUBLES PERSIST, WE WOULD BE GLAD TO ASK MFA TO
SEND APPROPRIATE INSTRUCTIONS TO BRUSSELS.
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